

<p>Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth Office of Adult Education</p> <p>ABSTRACT</p>	
<p>Section: Assessment</p>	
<p>[Why] Purpose</p>	<p>For the educational functioning levels to be meaningful, the National Reporting System requires assessments to be administered in a standardized and consistent way by all programs.</p>
<p>[What]</p>	<p>The NRS requires DLEG to determine the assessments that local programs will use when testing adult education participants in Michigan.</p> <p>Refer to the list of DLEG approved assessments following this abstract.</p> <p><i>Important assessment change forthcoming:</i> Beginning July 1, 2005, TABE, CASAS and Work Keys will be the <u>only</u> DLEG approved assessments.</p>
<p>[Who]</p>	<p>All adult education providers are required to use a DLEG approved assessment for all adult education participants, with the exception of participants enrolled in a high school diploma program.</p>
<p>[When]</p>	<p>Adult education providers are required to assess and place students into an educational functioning level at intake (pre-test) and at the end of the instructional period (post-test) using the SAME assessment test (i.e., TABE, CASAS, etc.)</p> <p>Adult education providers may enter additional assessment test scores by entering them as progress tests.</p> <p><i>Section 107 requires adult education providers to assess participants for progress <u>after every 90 hours of attendance</u>.</i></p>
<p>[How]</p>	<p>Adult education providers are required to enter the raw assessment scores into MAERS, which automatically places an individual on an educational functioning level and determines educational gain. Pre-test and post-test scores must be entered</p>

	into MAERS in the area that instruction is being provided for that program year.
Assessment Requirements	<p>Locator and practice tests <u>cannot</u> be used for the pre-test or post-test.</p> <p>The TABE survey or full battery assessment is required.</p> <p>See the MAERS Training Manual for detailed information regarding assessments.</p>
Reporting Requirements	All adult education participant data must be entered into the Michigan Adult Education Reporting System (MAERS).